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TO : SAC

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: AUSTIN J. APP
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DATE: March 2, 1950

On December 28, 1949, [REDACTED] made the following item available to b2 b7D
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An envelope postmarked November 21, 1949 to
"The Action Meeting", 876 Granite Street, Phila-
delphia, Pennsylvania, from AUSTIN J. APP, 444 E.
Tulpehocken Street, Philadelphia.

It is believed that this envelope was meant for the Nationalists Action
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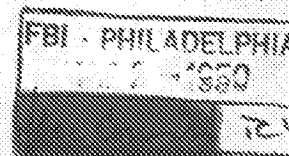
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CC: 105-426 (NATIONALIST ACTION LEAGUE)

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Eighth Floor
Federal Office Building
600 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Mr. Ernie Lazar
P.O. Box 423434
San Francisco, CA 94142-3434

October 23, 1998
Subject of Request: Austin Joseph App

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Sincerely yours,
ROBERT S. CONEORTI
Special Agent in Charge

By: [Signature]
John R. Thomas
Supervisory Special Agent
Chief Division Counsel

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TITLE: AUSTIN JOSEPH APP
(DECEASED)
FOIA REQUEST OF
ERNIE LAZAR

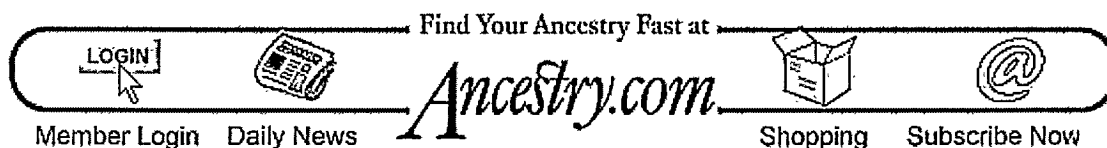
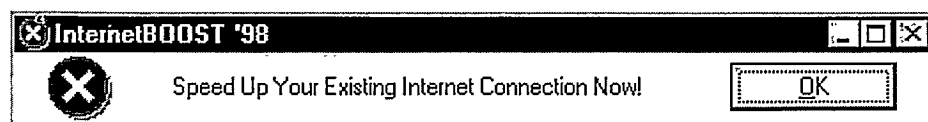
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1 Combined Matches

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Name	Born	Died	Residence	Last Benefit	SSN	Issued	Request
AUSTIN APP	24 May 1902	May 1984	20912 (Takoma Park, Montgomery, MD)	(No Location Given)	199- 09- 7789	Pennsylvania (Before 1951)	Write Letter

Viewing records 1-1 of 1

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October 13, 1998

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FOIA REQUEST SECTION
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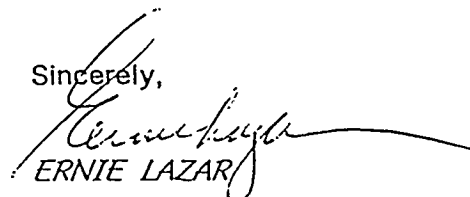
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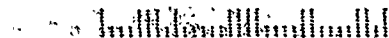
Ernie Lazar
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TO →

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Federal Bureau of Investigation**

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Philadelphia, PA 19106*



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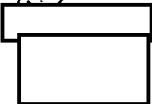
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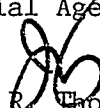
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Special Agent in Charge

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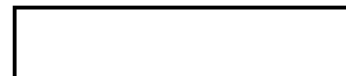

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/06/1998

To: Director's Office

Attn: OPCA/FOIPA Section
Field Coordination
Sub Unit, Room 6359
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From: Philadelphia
Legal Unit

Contact: [REDACTED] ext. 4017

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Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 190-PH-84890 (Pending)

Title: FOIA REQUEST OF ERNIE LAZAR
RE: AUSTIN JOSEPH APP(DECEASED)

Synopsis: Forwarding original file to HQ for DCU review.

Enclosures: Original Philadelphia file 100-12308 and 163-879.

Details: In response to request re AUSTIN JOSEPH APP,
Philadelphia located two main files above. These files are
being forwarded to FBIHQ for classification review.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

190-PH-84890

Eighth Floor
600 Arch Street
Federal Office Building
Philadelphia, PA 19106

November 6, 1998

Mr. Ernie Lazar
P.O. Box 423434
San Francisco, CA 94142-3434

Dear Mr. Lazar:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request regarding Austin Joseph App (deceased), received in this office on November 3, 1998.

We have completed a search of the automated and manual indices to the central records system maintained in Philadelphia and located material responsive to your request. This material will be assigned for processing at the earliest possible date.

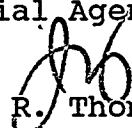
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Your patience and cooperation will be appreciated.


Sincerely yours,

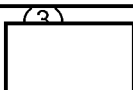
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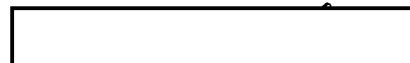


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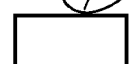




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To : Document C

Date 11/16/98

From : PLS

Subject : FREEDOM OF INFORMATION-PRIVACY ACTS REQUEST

Requester: ERNIE LAZAR

Re: Justin Joseph 2pp (Deceased)

FOIPA No. 818242 Date of Receipt 10/21/98

☐ Walkup☒ Regular Review

Total Number of Volumes (To Be Reviewed) 2

Total Number of Sees (To Be Reviewed)

Files Enclosed For Review (Include any 190 files containing prior releases that should be considered by DCU.)

Philadelphia file 100-12308 (1 volume)

Philadelphia file 163-879 (1 volume)

After reviewing these records to determine if classification is presently warranted, indicate your determination and return it and the records to:

Unit FCT Team FCT Room 6359 Extension 0455

Attention: PLS

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MEMORANDUM TO: ☒ Chief, Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA)

Request of: Ernie LAZAR

Subject: Austin Joseph App (DECEASED)

FOIPA #: 818242

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☐ Chief, Civil Discovery Review Unit

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PH 100-12308, and PH 163-879, WERE REVIEWED FOR CLASSIFICATION UNDER THE CURRENT EXECUTIVE ORDER 12958. AS A RESULT, THE FILES WARRANTED CLASSIFICATION.

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Re: AUSTIN JOSEPH APP

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SAC, Philadelphia

Dear Sir:

RE: AUSTIN JOSEPH APP
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It is noted that the subject was inducted from Scranton, Pennsylvania, and has spent most of his time in and near that city.

These reports are being forwarded to you for your information and such action as you may deem appropriate.

Very truly yours,

H. T. O'Connor
H. T. O'CONNOR,
Special Agent in Charge

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500 Widener Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
February 16, 1944

SAC, Cincinnati

RE: AUSTIN JOSEPH APP
SECURITY MATTER - C

Dear Sir:

There is being transmitted for your information and whatever action you see fit in the circumstances, a report submitted by the office of Headquarters Sixth Service Command, Army Service Forces, dated July 16, 1943, and signed by [redacted] b7c

A review of this report will reflect, on page 24, that the subject is employed in a defense plant in Columbus Ohio and is residing in Hilliard, Ohio, which is just outside of Columbus.

No action in connection with this matter is being taken by the Philadelphia office in the absence of a request from your office.

Very truly yours,

J.F.S.

J. F. SEARS
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

SA FILE NO. 105-76

REPORT MADE AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 12/1/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/3, 6/44 11/4, 21/44	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c ON
TITLE AUSTIN J. APP 100-12308*			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject, an English professor at a girls' college in San Antonio, Texas, reported to be pro-German and is believed to be of German descent. Subject is outspoken against Allies' unconditional surrender demand against the Germans. Subject made a trip to Mexico in September, 1944. Leads set forth.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon information received from [REDACTED] b7c [REDACTED] advised that the subject is presently occupying an apartment [REDACTED] at 116 Davis Court in San Antonio, Texas. He stated that Subject came to San Antonio in the early part of September, 1944, as an English professor in the Incarnate Word College, San Antonio. He stated that Subject speaks with a German accent and that recently he had talked to Subject in German, and that in every respect he was very suspicious of Subject as being very pro-German. [REDACTED] could not give any specific statements which Subject had made, but stated that he has endeavored to defend Germany in every way. [REDACTED] advised that this was the first year of Subject's teaching in San Antonio, and that prior to this, it was his understanding that Subject had taught at the University of Scranton at Scranton, Pa., and had lived at 343 Harrison Ave., in that city. He advised further that Subject is registered with the local board in Scranton, Pa., and that from observation of Subject's mail, he has ascertained that he is a member of the Columbus Kameradschaft, a German organization located at 966 South High St., in Columbus, Ohio. [REDACTED] stated that Subject left San Antonio on September 8, 1944.

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and made a trip to Monterrey, Mexico, and vicinity, and returned to this city on September 17th. He stated that Subject had talked to him about going to Mexico City and other places in Mexico prior to this trip. [redacted] stated that Subject had told him that he was not in favor of HITLER, but that it was due to the last peace of the last world war, the Germans which caused this war. He stated that the German people did not want war and were positively against unconditional surrender demands of the Allies. Subject then stated that there would be no HITLER if the peace terms, as a result of the last world war, had been just. He stated that Subject had also made the statements that someday there will be streets in the United States named after HITLER. b7C

b7C [redacted] was interviewed, and she furnished substantially the same information as above.

On November 1, 1944, there appeared an editorial in the San Antonio Express newspaper, the daily newspaper printed in San Antonio, which editorial was principally a discussion of the starvation and ill health in France as a natural consequence of German occupation and mismanagement. On November 1, 1944, [redacted] b7C [redacted] the San Antonio Express newspaper, furnished this Office with the following letter from Subject, which had been written by Subject to the newspaper:

"I read with interest your editorial analysis of the under-nourishment and ill health in France.

Your principal conclusion is that such starvation and ill health is the natural consequence of German occupation and mismanagement.

Upon some thought I believe that other causes can be added to your analysis, which I humbly add.

Another cause of the starvation and ill health of France is the Allied blockade of Europe. Whenever Europe is subjected to a food blockade all Europe so blockaded suffers from a shortage of food. That is why the blockade is undertaken. In the last war the Germans themselves often died of starvation. With the Allied blockade in effect against France, even if every German were a Hoover or a Lehman, there would be a shortage of food.

Another cause is the Allied bombing of France. You probably read the bitter protest of the French bishops to beg the Allies to stop bombing France. If Allied bombing was as successful as we were led to believe then it must have created endless disruption in food and medical distribution in France.

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Another cause is the vast French underground encouraged and often supplied by the Allies for the purpose of disrupting transportation, and food production and distribution. Now disrupting such underground elements are is being noted now that they are beginning to interfere with the present occupiers of France.

Interesting facts that could be added to your analysis are that many more millions have died of starvation in Allied occupied territory than in Axis occupied territory. British and American occupied India has just gone through the most ghastly starvation in history, but that was due not to any British (or American) savagery but to the dreadful consequences of war. Millions have died of starvation in Free China, occupied by Chiang Kaishek (and apparently some of our troops), but their death by starvation is not due to Kaishek's "savagery", but to the consequences of war, such wars as our Ally Russia started against Finland and our opponent Germany started against Poland, and our one-time ally of 1917, Japan, started against China.

Since newspapers pride themselves on being fair and just and on seeing all the causes, come hell or highwater, I thought you might not mind my extending your analysis of the causes of French starvation. I think it is noble of you to concern yourself with the starving and suffering people all over the world.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ AUSTIN J. APP

Austin J. App, Ph.D."

The following description of Subject was obtained from observation:

Name	AUSTIN J. APP, Ph.D.
Age	Approximately 35 yrs.
Height	5' 8"
Weight	180
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Ruddy
Build	Medium

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CINCINNATI FIELD DIVISION

AT COLUMBUS, OHIO:

Will ascertain subject's connection with the Columbus, Ohio Hausmerahor organization, 966 South High Street.

Will check the city directories in an effort to ascertain subject's former address in this city and obtain background information.

PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION

AT SCRANTON, PA.:

Will review Subject's selective Service file. Will conduct neighborhood investigation at 343 Harrison Ave. and obtain background information on the Subject.

SAC, San Antonio

January 30, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

AUSTIN J. APP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Reference is made to the pending report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 1, 1944 at San Antonio, Texas, copies of which were designated for the Cincinnati and Philadelphia offices.

A review of the Bureau files reflects that considerable information has been made available to the Bureau in the past by the Military Intelligence Service concerning August Joseph App, alias Austin Joseph App, Enlisted Reserve, who was given an honorable discharge on March 12, 1943 at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, with the rank of Private, to accept employment in an essential war industry. From a review of this material it appears possible that August Joseph App is identical with the subject of the above-captioned case.

For your information and assistance in this connection, I am enclosing copies of the following communications received by the Bureau from the Military Intelligence Service:

Letter dated September 1, 1943, from [redacted] General Staff Corps, Assistant Executive Officer, MIB, together with enclosures;

Letter dated July 12, 1943, from [redacted] General Staff Corps, Assistant Executive Officer, MIB, together with enclosures;

Letter dated June 14, 1943, from [redacted] General Staff Corps, Assistant Executive Officer, MIB, together with enclosures.

A review of the Bureau files reflects that copies of a portion of this material were made available by the Bureau to the Cleveland Field Division on October 5, 1943, for its information.

Before any further investigation is conducted in this case, it is desired that the San Antonio office make the appropriate and necessary inquiry to definitely determine whether August Joseph App, alias Austin Joseph App is identical with the subject of the above-captioned case, Austin J. App.

No further investigation should be conducted by the Cincinnati and Philadelphia Field Divisions in answer to the undeveloped leads set out in reference report pending the receipt of additional advice from the office of origin.

In the event the inquiry made by the San Antonio Field Division indicates that August Joseph App, with alias Austin Joseph App, is identical with [redacted] and additional leads, if considered necessary, should be set out by the San Antonio Office only after a careful review of the information contained in the enclosed reports received from the Military Intelligence Service.

CC: Cincinnati - Philadelphia - Cleveland
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN ANTONIO**

PH FILE NO. **100-12308** GRJ

REPORT MADE AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE 2-2-45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-29, 30-45	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c
TITLE CHANGED: AUSTIN JOSEPH APP		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Records of LDB No. 6, Scranton, Pa. reflect the following: APP born May 24, 1902 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Secured A.B. degree from St. Francis Seminary, St. Francis, Minnesota, in 1924. Received M.A. degree in 1926 and Ph.D. in 1929 at Catholic University, Washington, D. C. Employed as professor at Catholic University from 1927 to 1935. Professor of English at University of Scranton, Scranton, Pa. from September, 1936, to September, 1942. Taught at summer session in 1942 at Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa. Inducted into U. S. Army at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. on Sept. 11, 1942. Honorable discharge March 12, 1943 at Camp Claiborne, La. as over age. Army serial No. 33353746. Fellow professors at Scranton University state APP is extreme idealist, pacifist, and altruist. Described as pro-German but not pro-Nazi. Is great admirer of German and English peoples as they are more intelligent and cultural than other Europeans. Felt that nations with highest type civilization should rule less civilized nations. Has made many statements, prior to entry of U. S. in war, which might be construed as pro-German. Credit record satisfactory. No criminal record at Scranton Police Department.</p> <p>- 100 - [REDACTED]</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated December 1, 1944 at San Antonio, Texas</p> <p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [REDACTED]</p> <p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</p> <p>5 - Bureau 2 - Cincinnati 3 - San Antonio ② - Philadelphia</p> <p>100-12308-10</p> <p>100-12308-10</p>			

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DETAILS:

The title of this report is being changed to reflect the full name of the subject as listed in his Selective Service file.

A review of the file reflects that on October 3, 1942, Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, furnished the following information: b2 b7D

APP at that time was head of the English Department at the University of Scranton. He was born in Wisconsin of German parents. He secured his A. B. degree at St. Francis Seminary, St. Francis, Minnesota, in 1924. He received his M. A. in 1926 and his Ph. D. in 1929 at the Catholic University, Washington, D. C. He was employed as a professor at Catholic University from 1927 to 1935. He has been employed at the University of Scranton since 1936. He reportedly has taken postgraduate courses at Oxford University, Oxford, England. He has visited Mexico, Panama, and Canada. He has also served as college professor during summer sessions at Laros College, Dubuque, Iowa. This informant states that the subject had been called before the school authorities at Scranton University because of the subversive character of his lectures. On December 8, 1942, he reportedly addressed his class as follows: "America is to be blamed for our war with Japan because Japan is like a dog which, if teased long enough will finally turn and bite you." He reportedly made statements that the Germans were a superior race and that America would do better to ally itself with Germany rather than England. He wrote a pro-German review of the book "The Moon is Down" by JOHN STEINBECK.

He was reportedly bitter about his induction into the United States Army. This informant described the subject as highly intelligent, exceptionally clever, and an able professor who may be dangerous because of his ability to influence others.

In July, 1943, Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, forwarded a communication to the Philadelphia Field Division. This communication was transmitted to the Cincinnati Field Division by letter dated February 16, 1944, as the subject was presently residing at Hilliard, Ohio, at that time. A lead is being set forth for the Cincinnati Field Division to review the information furnished by this informant for the benefit of the San Antonio Field Division. A copy of this communication from Confidential Informant No. 11 is not available at this time in the Philadelphia Field Division. b2 b7D

AT SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

On January 29, 1945, [redacted] of Local Draft Board No. 6, 336 North Washington Avenue, furnished the b2

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Following information from the subject's Selective Service file: AUSTIN JOSEPH APP, while residing at 343 Harrison Avenue, Scranton, registered under the Selective Training and Service Act on February 16, 1942. He was assigned order No. 10325 and serial No. T770. At that time he was employed as a professor at the University of Scranton, 331 Wyoming Avenue. He listed as the person who would always know his address [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] His questionnaire, which was filed June 1, 1942, stated that he had attended St. Francis Seminary at St. Francis, Minnesota; Catholic University at Washington, D. C.; and two summer sessions at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin. He stated that he could translate both German and Spanish. He had taught as a professor at Catholic University in Washington, D. C., Scranton University, and planned to teach during the summer session of 1942 at Laros College, Dubuque, Iowa.

He was inducted into the United States Army on September 11, 1942, at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and was assigned to the New Cumberland Reception Center, New Cumberland, Pennsylvania, on September 25, 1942. He was honorably discharged from the United States Army on March 12, 1943 at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. His rank at the time of discharge was private and his serial number was 33353746.

After his discharge, he was employed at the Jaeger Machine Company, 550 West Spring, Columbus, Ohio. He worked for this company about six months when he secured a position teaching English Composition at St. Mary of the Springs College at Columbus, Ohio. He is presently employed as a professor at the Incarnate Word College, San Antonio, Texas.

He secured permission from this local board to visit Mexico from September 6 to 20, 1944, "for pleasure and education trip."

The following changes of address were listed in the subject's file:

June 19, 1942	Laros College, Dubuque, Iowa;
September 2, 1942	University of Scranton;
March 29, 1943	75 East Woodruff Avenue, Columbus, Ohio;
May 1, 1944	476 West Seventh Avenue, Columbus, Ohio;
September 1, 1944	146 Davis Court, San Antonio, Texas.

[REDACTED] She described the subject as a very quiet man who was methodical in his habits and an excellent tenant. He always appeared to be honest and conscientious regarding his work and very liberal in religious matters, as he spoke at

churches of all denominations when requested. He did not mingle with the other three tenants of the apartment building and knew none of the neighbors in the vicinity of his apartment. She had never heard him make any un-American statement or in any way express pro-Axis sympathies.

[redacted] stated that the only neighbor who might know the subject was [redacted] b7c

[redacted] the University of Scranton, 331 Wyoming Avenue, furnished the following information:

The subject was employed as a professor and head of the English Department at the University in September, 1936. He had previously taught for about seven years at the Catholic University in Washington, D. C. He was a conscientious and industrious worker but too idealistic for presenting practical problems to his classes.

[redacted] stated that many might consider his statements pro-German but that he believed his opinions were motivated by an altruistic temperament rather than a sympathy for Germany. On one occasion on December 8, 1942, after the attack on Pearl Harbor, APP made the statement to his class that the United States had so handled the Japanese question that our actions provoked Japan to attack us. On this occasion APP was reprimanded by [redacted] and other members of the faculty and cautioned to use more discretion in his remarks. b7c

[redacted] advised that prior to the entry of the United States into the war, he had had many heated discussions with APP regarding the international situation. In all these discussions APP took the position that Germany, having a better cultural background, was entitled to give the invaded countries the benefit of this culture. APP did not approve of using force to thrust upon the invaded countries the civilization of Germany. He often praised England and the United States for their high type civilization and on many occasions stated that "the country that has the most bath tubs will win the war."

[redacted] has received recent letters from the subject which bear a rubber stamped "Blessed are the peacemakers." [redacted] described the subject as a poet who lived an introvert life but liked to attract attention by making startling remarks and by writing his opinions, which often differed from the public opinion of the time. b7c

He did not want to be drafted for the Armed Forces; but under his philosophy, he could not be a conscientious objector as he felt the laws of the land should govern rather than the individual desires of each citizen.

[redacted] stated that one of the subject's closest friends, [redacted] at the time he was there, was [redacted] b7c

[redacted] suggested that [redacted] would be able to furnish additional personal data regarding the subject if the same is desired.

[redacted] University of Scranton, furnished the following information:

He had worked with the subject as a member of the faculty at Scranton University and had engaged in many discussions with the subject prior to our entry in the war. He described the subject as "pro-German but not pro-Nazi." In these discussions the subject took the position that the English people were the most highly civilized and intelligent people in the world and that Germany was second in culture and civilization. He also praised the United States for its development of scientific inventions. It was the subject's opinion, as mentioned in these discussions, that England and America would defeat Germany in the event there was a war as they were more intellectual and had reached a higher degree of civilization than Germany and her allies had attained. [redacted] stated that the subject based all his reasoning on the superior intelligence of peoples and the degree to which they had advanced themselves in obtaining comfort and the necessities of life. He had heard the subject make statements which might be considered pro-German; but in his opinion, these statements were based upon the subject's theory that Germany, being a more highly civilized country than Poland or Czechoslovakia, was entitled to govern and assist the less intellectual nations. b7c

He did not want to be drafted for military service as he felt that the use of force by any nation was improper way to spread culture and enlightenment. Under his theories, it was proper for him to serve in the Armed Forces, as this was demanded by law, but he did not want to advance himself to a rank of an officer as this effort on his own part would be a compromise of his position as a pacifist.

[redacted] the University of Scranton, furnished the following information: b7c

He advised that he had been associated with the subject on the faculty at the University of Scranton and was an associate editor with him on a literary publication known as "Catholic Best Sellers." They had many discussions prior to the entry of the United States in the war, during which time APP defended the Axis powers. He did not condone the use of force by the Axis but explained that the Treaty of Versailles and various trade agreements had reduced Germany to a state of poverty. He at

all times expressed a desire for the Allies to win the war with the Axis as such a victory would be the only way that true culture could be spread among the nations. It was [redacted] opinion that the subject was not pro-German but rather attempted to take an international view of the war based on the rights of all countries to have a decent living. b7c

[redacted] explained that on one occasion Dr. APP had written a review for JOHN STEINBECK'S book, "The Moon is Down," which criticized STEINBECK as a spreader of a propaganda which would make all civilians in occupied countries murderers and executioners. APP had indicated that if STEINBECK'S philosophy had been followed through, the German civilians would kill American soldiers in the army of occupation in the event Germany is defeated. [redacted] b7c

[redacted] advised that [redacted] the subject when he had an apartment at the above address. She described him as an excellent neighbor who never interfered with the rights of others. She stated that he did not mingle with any of the other tenants and was well liked although not very well known. She could furnish no other pertinent information. b6 b7c

[redacted] the Commercial Association of Scranton, Connell Building, Scranton, Pennsylvania, advised that the credit record of the subject was satisfactory. She furnished other background information which has been set forth above in this report. b7c

[redacted] Identification Division, Scranton Police Department, Scranton, Pennsylvania, advised that they had no record of the subject.

The following description of the subject was secured from his Selective Service file:

Name:	AUSTIN JOSEPH APP
Present address:	146 Davis Court, San Antonio, Texas
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Born:	May 24, 1902, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	170 pounds
Eyes:	Gray
Hair:	Brown
Complexion:	Light
Social Security No.:	199-09-7789

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Marital Status:	Single
Employment:	Professor, Incarnate Word College, San Antonio, Texas
Selective Service:	Registered Local Draft Board No. 6, Scranton, Pa. Order No. 10325 Serial No. T770 U. S. Army service - inducted September 11, 1942 at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Honorable discharge March 12, 1943, Camp Claiborne, La. Serial No. 33353746

No leads are being set forth in this report, except the one to the Cincinnati Field Division, as it is not known how extensive an investigation the office of origin contemplates in this case.

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PH File 100-12308

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

CINCINNATI FIELD DIVISION

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

Will review the subject's file for the benefit of the San Antonio Field Division. It is noted that a communication from Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, was transmitted to your office by the Philadelphia Field Division by letter dated February 16, 1944. b2 b7D b7C

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

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DATE: 1-28-49

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7C

SUBJECT: AUSTIN APP
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Attention: SA [REDACTED] b7C

This morning while at the Registration Commission, City Hall Annex on another matter [REDACTED] exhibited to the writer a clipping b7C from a local paper stating in substance that "a well known subversive figure was moving to Philadelphia- apparently not cognizant of the fact that the FBI had voluminous files on him and would keep him closely watched."

[REDACTED] stated that this referred to AUSTIN APP who had recently b7C purchased a home [REDACTED]. He added that if the agent to whom the case is assigned will contact him he may be of assistance.

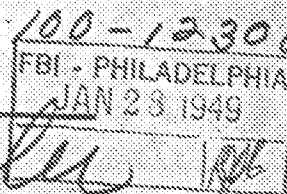
[REDACTED] later advised that the clipping was taken from Selby's column in the Evening Bulletin of January 27, 1949, appearing on page four.

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See [REDACTED] b7C

444 Tullock St
Teacher at La Salle College

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PICTURE OF A STRANGER: Once upon a time he got a Ph.D., became a university professor, and was tagged as a smart young scholar. But something he got mixed up in... and decided America, his native country, wasn't so hot—while Germany (he thought) was being grossly persecuted by a "Jewish conspiracy".... And so he began writing—articles, pamphlets & books. His major theme was that American troops were barbarians... but of course (he thought) the Nazis were bad... Now he moved into Oak Town... set up a printing press... and is ready to show out his stuff again... But what he doesn't know is that the FBI & local police have a complete dossier on him and are ready to take action...

In Oak Town
by
Earl Helly
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SA FILE NO. **105-76**

REPORT MADE AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 9/25/46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/20, 21/46; 9/11-13, 26, 29/46	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c b7d
TITLE AUSTIN JOSEPH APP, was., August Joseph App (True Name), INFILTRANT		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY, WAR DEPARTMENT	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Subject was born 5/24/02 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin of German extraction. As from St. Francis Seminary, St. Francis, Wisconsin, 1924. Received Knights of Columbus scholarship to Catholic University, Washington, D. C. where received BA 1926 and Ph.D. 1929. Employed as instructor in English, Catholic University 1929 to 1935; head of English Department, Scranton University, Scranton, Pa., 1935 to 1942. Traveled in Europe, Canada and Mexico and taught at Loree College, Dubuque, Iowa during summers. Served in US Army 9/11/42 to 3/12/43 when honorably discharged as Private at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana to accept employment in essential war industry. Subsequent to discharge employed by Jaegers Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio, manufacturers of farm machinery. Since September, 1944, has been Professor of English in Incarnate Word College, San Antonio, Texas. Residence 316 San Pedro Avenue, San Antonio. APP reported to be strict moralist, disciplinarian, devout Catholic, uncompromising in ideals and ethical principles. Alleged to suffer from "political paranoia", a fanaticism with regard to international affairs. Has little knowledge of history, is argumentative and stubborn in views. Prior to World War I was strongly non-interventionist and extremely critical of US foreign policy. Stated US provoked Japan into attacking. Professed pacifism but justified all acts of axis aggression, criticizing Nazi regime only an expression of Catholic clerics in Germany. Considered raising conscientious objection to Military service but became resigned to Army service. Was unhappy in Army and sought discharge to take defense job. While soldier wrote letter to Washington newspaper advocating a negotiated peace. Wrote adverse reviews of STEINBECK'S "THE MICE IN HOUSE", and FIENNA VAN PARSEN'S, "THE TIER IS NOW". Wrote article</p>			
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"American War Policies and Catholic Traditions" published in the Catholic World, October, 1944, criticizing American policy of demanding unconditional surrender. In reply to editorial in San Antonio Express, 11/1/44 which pointed to Germany's enforced starvation of conquered peoples, APP disagreed and attributed starvation in France to the Allied blockade of Europe, Allied bombings and activities of the French Underground and states more people died of starvation in Allied occupied territory than Axis occupied territory. In May, 1945, protested an order forbidding German Prisoners of War using German straight arm and other Party salutes. In address at commencement, St. Mary's University, San Antonio, June, 1945, demanded a "just and honorable" peace for Germany and stated atrocities should have no effect on final peace settlement. In pamphlet "RAVISHING THE WOMEN OF CONQUERED EUROPE", May, 1946, APP states troops under EISENHOWER'S command raped more women in one week in one city than troops under HITLER'S command in four years in all of France. Further states German troops in behavior toward women were most correct and decent in the whole history of warfare. As a result of last pamphlet Catholic Church authorities considered dismissing APP, however to avoid embroiling Incarnate Word College in possible academic freedom controversy, admonished APP who promised to desist from further political writings.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File # 100-210108.

Bureau letter dated August 9, 1946.

DETAILS:

Referenced Bureau letter enclosed a photostatic copy of a pamphlet written by AUSTIN J. APP, entitled, "RAVISHING THE WOMEN OF CONQUERED EUROPE" as well as a memorandum reflecting information concerning APP obtained from the Biographical Encyclopedia of the World. It was requested that the background and activities of APP be discreetly ascertained.

A review of the San Antonio files reflects the following information concerning APP obtained from Confidential Informant [REDACTED] b2 b7D

Records of Local Draft Board # 6, Scranton, Pennsylvania, reflect that APP was born May 24, 1902 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He secured an A.B. degree from St. Francis Seminary in 1924. He received an M.A. degree from the Catholic University in 1926 and a Ph.D from the same institution in 1929. He was employed as Professor at Catholic University in 1927 to 1933 and as Professor of English at the University of Scranton, Scranton, Pennsylvania from September 1936, to September, 1942.

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He taught at summer session of 1942 at Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa. He was inducted into the United States Army at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania on September 11, 1942, and was honorably discharged March 12, 1943 at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana as over age. His Army Serial number was 33353746.

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b7D According to Confidential Informant [redacted] fellow professors at Scranton University stated APP is an extreme idealist, pacifist and altruist. He was described as pro-German but not pro-Nazi. He was stated to be a great admirer of the German and English peoples as they are more intelligent and cultured than other Europeans. He felt that nations with the highest type of civilization should rule less civilized nations. He made many statements prior to the entry of the United States into the war which might be construed as pro-German. He had a satisfactory credit record and no criminal record at the Scranton Police Department.

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b7D Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that APP had reportedly taken graduate courses at Oxford University, Oxford, England, and had visited Mexico, Panama and Canada. It was stated that he was called before the school authorities at Scranton University because of the subversive character of his lectures and on December 8, 1942 he reportedly addressed his class as follows: "America is to be blamed for our war with Japan because Japan is like a dog which if teased long enough will finally turn and bite you". He reportedly made statements that the Germans were a superior race and that America would do better to ally itself with Germany rather than England.

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b7D After his discharge from the United States Army, according to Confidential Informant [redacted] APP was employed at the Jaeger Machine Company, 550 West Spring, Columbus, Ohio for about six months when he secured a position teaching English Composition at St. Mary of the Springs College, Columbus, Ohio.

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b7D According to Confidential Informant [redacted] the University of Scranton, 331 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania, stated that on December 8, 1942, after the attack on Pearl Harbor, APP made the statement to his class that the United States had so handled the Japanese question that our actions provoked Japan to attacking us. On this occasion APP was reprimanded by [redacted] and other members of the faculty and cautioned to use more discretion in his remarks. [redacted] reportedly advised that prior to the entry of the United States into the war he had had many heated discussions with APP regarding the international situation. In all of these discussions APP took the position that Germany, having a better cultural background, was entitled to give the invaded countries the benefit of this culture. APP did not approve of using force to thrust upon the invaded countries the civilization of Germany. He often praised England and the United States for their high type of civilization and on many occasions stated that "the country that has the most bath tubs will win the war".

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[redacted] stated that he had received letters in late 1944 and early 1945 from the subject which bear a rubber stamped "Blessed are the Peace Makers". [redacted] described APP as a poet who lived an introvert life, would like to attract attention by making startling remarks and by writing his opinions which often differed from the public opinion of the time. [redacted] stated that APP did not want to be drafted for the Armed Forces, but under his philosophy he could not be a conscientious objector as he felt the laws of the land should govern rather than the individual desires of each citizen.

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Confidential Informant [redacted]

[redacted] University of [redacted] and termed APP as pro-German but not pro-Nazi. [redacted] stated that in many discussions with the subject prior to our entry into the war that APP took the position that the English people were the most highly civilized and intelligent people in the world and that Germany was second in culture and civilization. He praised the United States for its development of scientific inventions. He predicted that England and America would defeat Germany in the event there was a war as they were more intellectual and had reached a higher degree of civilization than Germany and her allies had obtained.

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Subject based all of his reason on the superior intelligence of peoples and the degree to which they had advanced themselves in obtaining comfort and the necessities of life.

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[redacted] advised that APP held a theory that Germany, being a more civilized country than Poland or Czechoslovakia, was entitled to govern and assist less intellectual nations.

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Confidential informant [redacted] summarized information he had developed concerning APP as follows [redacted]

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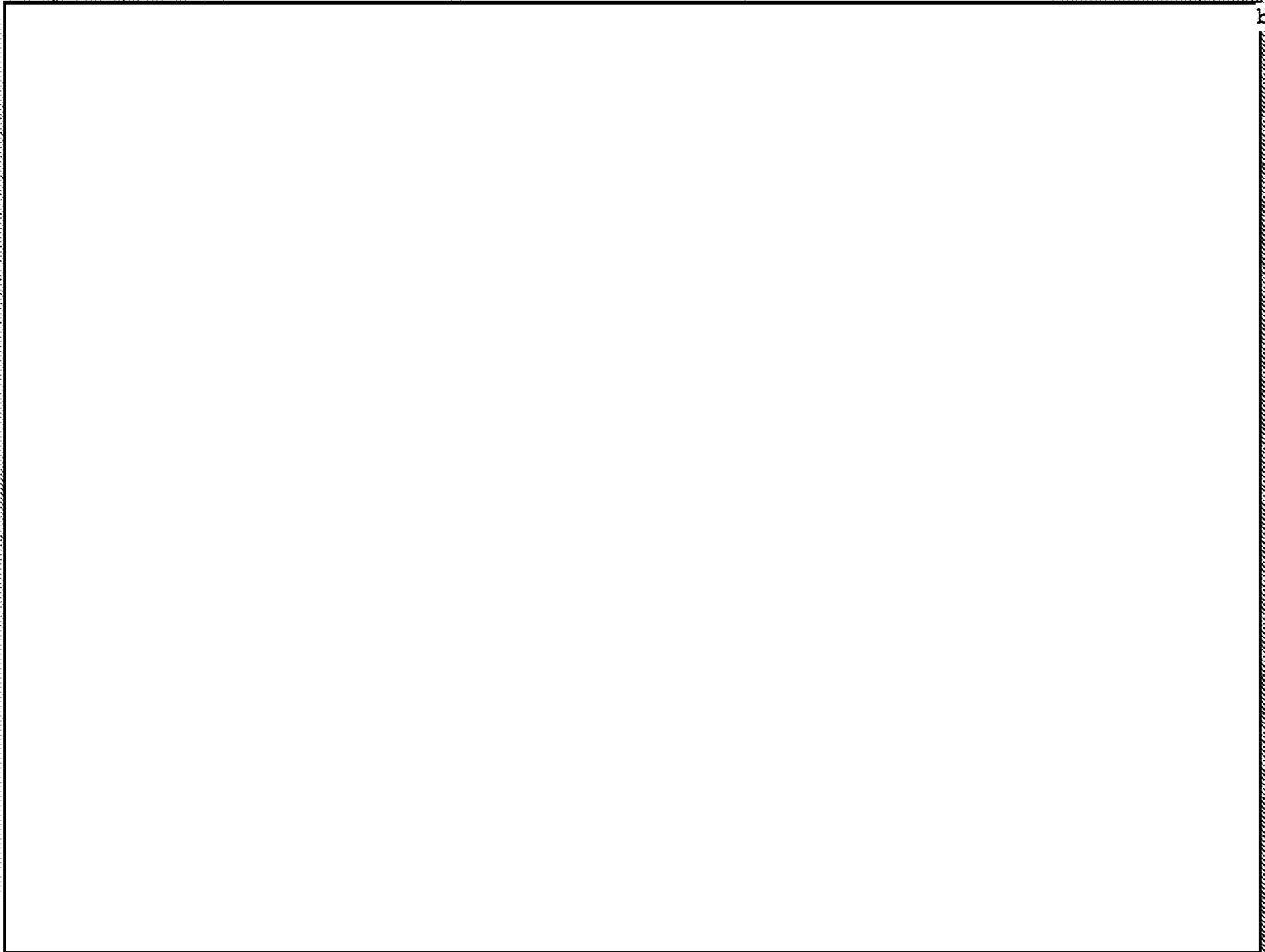
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No criminal record nor record in the subversive files of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C. was found upon examination in June, 1943.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] interviewed Mr. FRANK O'HARA registrar of the University of Scranton, and obtained the following information in addition to that set forth above as coming from O'HARA.

APP while at Scranton University, was a member of the following organizations: Council of English Teachers; Modern Language Association; Catholic Poetry Society; Debating Association of Pennsylvania Colleges and Catholic Library Association.

He also stated that APP has several publications to his credit including "Use of Analogy in Debate", "Religious News in Chaucer", "Poets aren't Sissies," "THOMAS MANN, Christian Novelist" "To Lie or Not to Lie", and "Some Broadway Plays and their Ideas".

He is a frequent contributor to small Catholic magazines. Mr. O'HARA also mentioned that in a review of STEINBECK'S "The Moon Is Down" for the Catholic Best Sellers, a mimeographed sheet prepared at the University of Scranton, that APP took the Norwegians to task for not submitting to the German rule. It is noted that the book dealt with the German occupation of Norway.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] reviewed subject's Selective Service file at Local Board # 6, Scranton, Pennsylvania, which reflected that subject stated that he contributes \$150.00 per year to his sister, BERTILLA who is in the Oak Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Pewaukee, Wisconsin. He also stated that he helped his sister, MARTINA with her graduate nursing education at Catholic University, and assists a brother, GEORGE, who was a freshman at Northwestern University. He also claimed to be taking care of his younger sister's education and to help his parents who are old and no longer working.

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It was indicated that he is the oldest of eight brothers and sisters. Confidential Informant [redacted] interviewed Dr. ALEXANDRE GOULET, a teacher of French at the University of Scranton in December, 1942. GOULET noted the following organizational connections of subject: He was a Moderator of the Teachers of English Council in Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, President of the Chesterton Poetry Society which meets at the University of Scranton, member of the Chamber of Commerce, Director of the Debating Club at the University of Scranton. Dr. GOULET advised that APP believed in German superiority and placed each nation on a racial ladder: Germany at the top and America on the very top. England, however, was at the bottom of the ladder and Latins are down near the bottom along with the Poles. He considered the Latins immoral and the Poles uncultured.

According to Dr. GOULET, APP considered culture to be the measuring stick of a nation. His theory is that culture predominates over force. Consequently he was opposed to war and is naturally a pacifist.

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He expressed his theory that one hundred men with Shakespeares in their hands could defeat 1,000 men with machine guns. He otherwise expressed the same idea by stating that a nation's culture can be determined by the number of bath tubs in the country. He deplored the wasteful spending of money on war, argued against spending money on battleships when the money could be used in building universities. GOULET asserted that APP was formerly a great admirer of President ROOSEVELT, but this admiration dimmed because of the President's foreign policy. APP contended President ROOSEVELT had precipitated a calamity on the country by leading it into war.

Dr. GOULET advised that APP was a frequent contributor to the letters to the editor column of the Scranton, Pennsylvania newspaper and wrote articles concerning various issues of the day.

b2 b7D Confidential Informant [redacted] interviewed EUGENE F. WILLGINS, a former teacher at the University of Scranton, now manager of the Guild Studios, Scranton, Pennsylvania. WILLGINS, LEONARD MOFF and subject started the magazine "Best Sellers" at the University of Scranton. All contributed reviews to this publication.

According to WILLGINS, APP submitted a review of STEINBECK'S "The Moon is Down" which deals with the Nazi invasion of Norway from which the following is quoted: "The author's purpose, however, quite clearly is to incite civilians in occupied countries to dynamite, stab and even poison. Of course he means to apply it only, one presumes, to the civilians in Axis occupied countries. But what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. If it is the duty of French women to poison non-offending German Sentinels in France, then it will also be the duty of German women to poison American Sentinels if once again they should be stationed in the Rhineland as in 1919, and then we should brand such civilian tactics in German patriotism by German beastliness".

Mr. WILLGINS also stated that APP wrote in regard to PIERRE VAN PAASEN'S "Time Is Now" as follows: "The book is an illogical attempt, based on the assumption that our own national independence and freedom depend on England to scare the American people into a long and certain war in the future. The book has no value, but it will also probably do little harm".

b2 b7D Confidential Informant [redacted] also interviewed SARAH COYNE, [redacted] APP'S landlady at that place. Mrs. COYNE advised that she had received a letter from her daughter-in-law, Mrs. CYRIL A. COYNE [redacted] dated December 27, 1942. COYNE was employed at the Ford Motor Company. A portion of this letter follows: "Cy received a letter from Dr. APP asking CY that in the event that a teaching position should not be sufficient for his discharge (he is 38) that he get something at Fords. CY has replied that he could".

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b2 b7D Confidential Informant [REDACTED] interviewed [REDACTED]

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b2 b7D Confidential Informant [REDACTED] submitted the information that APF, while in Columbus, Ohio, might have been a member of the Maennergher Club, but that he could not have been very active in the group. This organization is a German social organization some of whose members were considered to possibly have subversive tendencies but the organization was not generally considered a subversive group.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that while in Columbus subject resided at 75 East Woodruff Avenue, and 3860 Travis Road. While there he purchased a house valued at approximately \$10,000.00 and assumed a \$4,000.00 mortgage on another house.

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b7C He was employed while in Columbus in the personnel office of the Jaeger Machine Company, 350 West Spring Street. He resided with his sister [redacted]

In October, 1944, [redacted] advised that APP had been an English Professor at the Incarnate Word College in San Antonio since September, 1944, [redacted] stated that subject had told him that he was not in favor of HITLER, but that it was due to the last peace of the last world war with the Germans which caused this war. He stated that the German people did not want war and he was positively against unconditional surrender demands of the allies. Subject then stated that there would have been no HITLER if the peace terms as a result of the last world war had been just. He also stated that some day there will be streets in the United States named after HITLER. ✓

b7C A reprint of an article by AUSTIN J. APP, entitled, "American War Policies and Catholic Traditions", reprint from the Catholic World, October, 1944, was referred to this office by [redacted]

Through the Boston office of the FBI. The copy of this six page article bears a rubber stamp, "Blessed Are The Peace Makers". The general theme of the article is to oppose the unconditional surrender policy of the Allies. The following excerpts are cited as illustrative of this article:

"Something else which may indirectly be taken as a Catholic tradition against demanding unconditional surrender is the concern of several of the Popes that the honor of both sides be vindicated, that neither side be unnecessarily humiliated or lose face too much...the utter destruction of this honor seemed to be the very aim of the unconditional surrenderists...the very act of unconditional surrender is hard to reconcile with retaining their sense of honor...the Vanquished will be given a treaty to sign or be starved and slaughtered some more until they do sign...in 1919 they were even forced to sign a sole guilt clause... Publicists who itch for the seductive pressure of trampling on the prostrate bodies of the vanquished have managed to convey the impression that a negotiated peace is peace at any price and is equivalent of letting the other side occupy the country. In fact they picture a negotiated peace as for us precisely what unconditional surrender is meant to be for the enemy...in other words to reject peace negotiations just to be able to march into Berlin and Tokyo so as to make their people realize how honorable war is and how completely and dishonorably beaten they are, would not seem to be a Catholic idea."

On November 1, 1944, an editorial appeared in the San Antonio Express entitled, "GERMANY'S TRAIL, FILTH, HUNGER AND DISEASE". The editorial had for its thesis that the wretched conditions found in France were the result of German planning and determination to emerge from the war the only physically strong people in Europe. It further advocated the immediate shipment of relief medicine and food

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to occupied countries. On November 1, 1944, subject APP wrote a letter to the Editor, San Antonio Express, which was made available by [REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED] In this letter APP disagrees with the above-mentioned editorial and attributes the starvation and ill health in France not to German occupation and mismanagement but adds other causes namely the Allied blockade of Europe, Allied bombings of France and the activities of the French underground in disrupting transportation, food production and distribution. He goes on to state that many more millions died of starvation in Allied occupied territories namely India, Free China than in Axis occupied territories.

Two copies of a mimeographed letter written by subject and dated January, 1945, have come to the attention of this office. The salutation is left blank. The copies obtained by this office were addressed to [REDACTED] b7C

The letter purports to be a review of an article entitled, "The Future Strength of Germany" by CARY BYERS which appeared in Harper's magazine, December, 1944. APP agrees with the author of the article and states that the German problem consists of the fact that the Germans, owing to their scientific efficiency, union and size are intrinsically the greatest power in Europe, but that Britain and now America and Russia, refuse to allow her the influence commensurate with her real power.

On April 28, 1945, an order was issued at the Prisoner of War Camp, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, forbidding the German Army straight arm salute and other Nazi Party salutes. All prisoners of war were ordered to use the salute formerly used by the old German Army. Nazi Party flags, emblems and insignia were also forbidden to be displayed. This order was the subject of a newspaper article and as a result of the article on May 5, 1945, subject APP wrote to [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] questioning his right to deprive German prisoners of war of their native German Military salute under penalty of death by starvation. He asks whether forbidding prisoners of war to use their native and customary Military salute is in accordance with the Geneva Convention; whether starving prisoners of war for refusing to drop their country's salute is in accordance with the Geneva regulations and whether Military or governmental authorities in Germany have forbidden our soldiers our American salute. b6 b7C

A report of an address delivered by AUSTIN J. APP at the St. Mary's University Commencement exercises, San Antonio, Texas, in June, 1945, as reflected in an article appearing in the San Antonio Express, indicates that APP compared the present condition of Germany to the "reconstruction of the South after the Civil war" and states that this is the plan that many Americans are again trying to apply to defeated peoples. He appeals for a "just peace", and states that

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atrocities must have no effect on the final peace settlement since all peoples are sinful and all nations in war commit some atrocities. Information was received from a confidential source that in July, 1945, APP was a new member of the Fellowship of Reconciliation National Office, 2929 Broadway, New York, New York. A pamphlet by APP entitled, "RAVISHING THE WOMEN OF CONQUERED EUROPE", which bears the date May 1, 1946, has been referred to this office from various sources.

The following sub-headings of the ten page pamphlet are cited as illustrative of the contents:

"The Russians Practice Unconditional Surrender Literally."
"Neither Old or Young or Nuns are Spared."
"The Allies Are no Monsters! Aren't We?"
"Bavin: 'It Was the Most Awful Sight'.
"The Pope Protests the Violation of German Women."
"The Lust, Liquor and Loot of Our Own Armies".
"Re-educating the Germans with Rubber Prophylactics."
"The Anglo-Americans Far More Decent Than the Russians."
"The German Armies the Most Decent Armies of the War."
"German Women Treated as Fair Objects of Debauchery."
"Morganthau Policy to German Women Is: Sin or Starve!"
"Determined Starvation Policy, Forbade Even Private Relief."
"The Liberators Bring V.D. to Germany, Not Christianity."
"But the Russians Bring a Litany of Lustful Terror."
"The Russians Violate Women with Our Connivance."
"The Austrians, Too, Were Liberated— and Ravished."
"In Hungary Few Women From 10 to 70 Escape".
"A Fate Worse Than Death is That American Brought Europe's Women."
"Why Don't We Protest This Harsh-Peace Debauchery of Women?"

The pamphlet, among other things, alleges that troops under EISENHAUER'S command with whom his communications were not severed, raped more women in one week in one city than troops under HITLER'S command seemed to have raped in four years in all of France. It further states that German troops in their behavior toward women are the most correct and decent in the whole history of warfare. APP reports to cite much evidence of looting and raping and debauchery on the part of American soldiers and implies that they are second only to the Russians in this respect.

APP was a subject of an article entitled, "AN AMERICAN NAZIPHILE" which appeared in the publication "PREVENT WORLD WAR III", August - September, 1946, published by the Society For the Prevention of World War # 3, Incorporated, 5151 Madison Avenue, New York, New York. Copies of this article were brought to the attention of this office by

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This article takes issue with APP for the publication of his pamphlets in which he is purported to defend the Germans and suggests that the FBI investigate the motives, background and backing of this new American Naziophile. Two copies of this article are enclosed for the Bureau's information.

The file in this case further reflects that APP is the author of three other pamphlets entitled: 1. "Where The News Ends", (2) "Propaganda to Hate All Germans is Debunked", and (3) "Deportation of Germans Seen As Greatest Crime". These pamphlets were submitted to this office by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] were previously forwarded to the Bureau by letter dated June 25, 1946, and are not available for summarization in this report.

[REDACTED] and stated that he was angered by an article by subject which appeared in a San Antonio paper a few months ago which alleged looting and raping on the part of the American soldiers. He stated that APP had told him that APP owns two or three magazines. He informed that he had observed that APP'S living room is cluttered with papers, magazines and books and stated that APP had said that if an apartment were vacated in the house that he would not re-rent the place, but would use it in connection with his activities.

[REDACTED] He stated that APP frequently entertains girls who are "honkeys" but seldom men at his apartment. APP has written numerous book reviews and has loaned ELISS new books on various occasions. APP frequently comments that these books are not fit to be in any library.

[REDACTED] advised that APP receives a huge amount of mail both domestic and foreign. He considered APP to be somewhat of a "screw ball" and stated that he had not read any of APP'S pamphlets and that he had found APP'S conversation to be entirely over his head.

[REDACTED] advised that about the first of June, 1946, he heard that [REDACTED] was trying to locate APP in San Antonio, apparently for the purpose of taking direct physical action against APP for some remarks that APP had made in a pamphlet regarding the Sixth Army. [REDACTED] did not locate APP, however. At that time the Church authorities considered summarily dismissing APP from his position as Professor at Incarnate Word College, however, APP'S contract has one more year to run and they hesitated to discharge him because of the difficulties that the College might experience with the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities due to the question of Academic freedom.

b7C As the next best alternative [redacted] decided to have APP cautioned not to publish any more such stuff as had appeared in the local papers and in the pamphlet, "RAVISHING OF WOMEN IN CONQUERED EUROPE." This interview was had with APP who stated that he did not realize the disrepute into which he might bring the College of Incarnate Word and promised to refrain from further writings of this nature. In fact no further such writings have been forthcoming from APP according to the Archbishop.

b7C [redacted] referred the writer to [redacted] for complete details as to how the matter was handled.

[redacted] advised that the pamphlet "RAVISHING THE WOMEN OF CONQUERED EUROPE" had come to his attention when one of the teachers at the Catholic High School brought him a copy that she had received through the mails. [redacted] thereupon made inquiries and found that APP had mailed copies to various Nuns at the College of Incarnate Word and other Catholic schools. He took immediate steps to eliminate these copies from circulation.

After an editorial entitled "The Doctors GREEN Vs. the Doctors APP" that appeared in the San Antonio Express recently, [redacted] considered taking APP to task himself, however, he decided against this and instead during the first week of June, 1946, got [redacted]

b7C [redacted] and whose sister is a Nun at the College to talk with APP to explain to him the effect his pamphlets were having on the school and admonish him not to publish any more of this kind of stuff. About July 23, 1946, [redacted] advised [redacted] that he had talked with APP; that APP had stated that he did not realize the effect that his publications were having on the school. [redacted] reported that APP took the admonishment well and promised to refrain from further writing of this kind.

[redacted] stated that he had come to the conclusion as a result of his inquiries in the matter that APP was motivated by a fanatic hatred of the Russians; that APP was wrong in many of his statements and exercised very bad taste in publishing his pamphlets. He was of the opinion that APP was not acting on behalf of any foreign organization or individual, but rather on his own accord. He ventured the opinion that APP'S pro-German bias might well stem from the fact APP'S parents are German born.

ENCLOSURE:

TO THE BUREAU:

Two copies of "AN AMERICAN NAZIFILE".

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IDENTITY OF CONFIDENTIAL
INFORMANTS:

b2 b7c CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [REDACTED] Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 2, 1945, in the case entitled, "AUSTIN JOSEPH APP; INTERNAL SECURITY - C".

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [REDACTED]

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [REDACTED] Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Cincinnati, Ohio, January 3, 1945.

The above are being designated as confidential informants in view of the fact that the material therein will doubtless be made available to outside agencies.

DIRECTOR, FBI

March 16, 1949

SAC, SAN ANTONIO

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AUSTIN JOSEPH APP, was.,
August Joseph App (True Name),
Austin J. App
SPECIAL INQUIRY, WAR DEPARTMENT
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b7C Re report of SA [redacted] dated 9/25/46, San Antonio, Texas, which summarizes the activities of subject up to that time.

Since the date of referenced report, copies of two pamphlets written by APP and entitled, "Harassing The Women of Conquered Europe" and "The Big Three Deportation Crime, Looting and Deporting Twelve Germans and Sudetens" have been brought to the attention of this office. These pamphlets are anti-Semitic in character and are critical of the actions of the American Armies in Germany and complimentary to the actions of the German Army.

b7C On January 24, 1948, [redacted] San Antonio Express and Evening News, stated that APP had written him a letter expressing opposition to an editorial which had appeared in the papers on universal military training. APP's letter contained the following sentence:

"If HITLER was wrong in advocating universal military training for Germany in 1934, as our present hot sponsors of it used to say, why then is it not equally wrong for us Americans in 1948?"

b7C [redacted] stated that it was his understanding that APP had been addressing many women's organizations in San Antonio on this same subject.

On February 26, 1949, [redacted] advised that APP has moved to Philadelphia, and now resides at 444 East Fitzhocken, Philadelphia 64, Pennsylvania.

Inasmuch as it is believed that the Philadelphia office will be likely to receive complaints concerning subject, one copy of the report of SA [redacted] dated at San Antonio, Texas, September 25, 1946, is enclosed to the Philadelphia office for its information.

JEB:md
cc: Philadelphia (Enc. 1)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: April 29, 1949

FROM : SA RALPH J. T. CARTER, JR.

SUBJECT: AUSTIN JOSEPH APP
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On March 3, 1949, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was contacted by the writer concerning the above-captioned individual. b7c

[REDACTED] had previously furnished a newspaper clipping from the January 27, 1949 issue of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, which article stated that a new resident of Philadelphia had moved into town, set up a printing press, and was ready to "spew" out his stuff again, not knowing that the FBI and the local police possessed a complete "dossier" on him, and were ready to take action.

[REDACTED] stated that the subject had recently purchased a residence located at 444 East Tulpehocken Street, Philadelphia. b7c

Since the newspaper article contained no names, [REDACTED] was asked how he concluded [REDACTED] the person mentioned in the article were one and the same. [REDACTED] stated that a friend, [REDACTED] had indicated to him that the two persons concerned were identical. [REDACTED] added that [REDACTED] at one time was connected with some phase of Marine Corps Intelligence, and that [REDACTED] interest in this particular case was due to the fact that [REDACTED] still "dabbled" in this type of work.

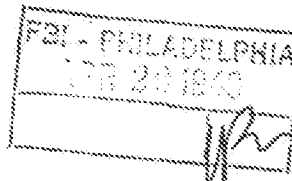
[REDACTED] had no pertinent information concerning APP, but stated he had called the FBI's attention to the aforementioned facts thinking that possibly we were not aware of APP's presence in Philadelphia.

In view of the fact that there are no indications that the subject is engaged in activities which would interest this office, it is recommended that this case remain in a closed status.

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On June 21, 1949, [REDACTED]

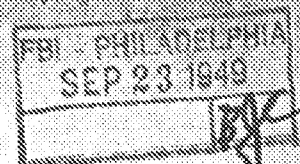
[REDACTED] obtained the following items as a result of a trash cover maintained on the residence of [REDACTED]

1. A letter in the handwriting of [REDACTED] dated June 13, 1949. [REDACTED] are believed to be [REDACTED]. The letter advised that [REDACTED] is in Washington, D.C. and that the Justice Department is granting a full review of "our case." It further relates that [REDACTED] is residing, while in Washington, [REDACTED]
2. An uncompleted letter directed to [REDACTED] on stationery of the NAL. This letter advised that the NAL has in its possession a file of documentary evidence, which they feel is sufficient for the launching of a successful equity action against the Office of the Attorney General. It then requests that [REDACTED] suggest sources of financial aid in this undertaking. This letter is dated June 17, 1949.
3. A letter containing substantially the same information as that set out in item #2 directed to the Honorable EDWARD GOSSETT, U.S. Representative, Washington, D.C. This letter is dated June 17, 1949.
4. A complete copy of National Progress, with no date, Volume or Number recorded. This issue discusses social questions under a Nationalist Government, a survey of NAL activities, and a article referring to the propaganda medium recently instituted by the United Nations, i.e. an amateur radio station.
5. A portion of a letter directed to AUSTIN J. APP, Philadelphia, Pa., on National Progress stationery referring to a conversation held several weeks ago regarding the distinctions between Nationalism and Provincialism. The letter in addition invited APP to attend a small meeting to be held on February 4 or 5.

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6. A written note signed [redacted] which is now quoted: [redacted] b2

"Four Jews raided his office and confiscated files--will tell whole story tonight." No date or identifying data available.

Items one through three will be maintained in 105-426.

Item four will be maintained in 105-348.

Item five will be maintained in 100-12308.

Item six will not be maintained.

See exhibits 105-426 - 1-A-1-20, 21 and 22.

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REPORT MADE AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11-23, 29; 12-29-49	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b2
TITLE "AMERICA'S NEW NAZIS" By Peter T. White and Allen Chellas			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

AUSTIN J. APP resides at 444 East Tulpehocken Street, Philadelphia and is employed at LaSalle College as a Professor of English. The Professor has recently returned from a three-month tour of Germany, Austria and Italy. APP wrote an article entitled "A Fair Deal for Germany" which appeared in the April 1, 1949 edition of "Common Sense" and in the November, 1949 issue of "The Mailist"; authored an article entitled "Food, Clothes and Homes in Germany, 1949". In October, 1949 APP spoke at the Kalping Haus of Philadelphia, his topic being "The Expellee Problem as a Challenge to Catholicism".

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter to New York dated November 15, 1949.

DETAILS: Informants listed in this report are of known reliability unless otherwise specified.

AUSTIN J. APP resides at 444 East Tulpehocken Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. [REDACTED] 12-16-49) b2 b7D

The 1949 Philadelphia Real Estate Directory indicates that APP is the owner of the residence at 444 Tulpehocken Street and that he resides on the premises. The residence was purchased on August 12, 1948 for \$12,000 and has an assessed value of \$7,800. Supplements of the Philadelphia Real Estate Directory, including the supplement of November, 1949, show no change

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of ownership for this residence.

The November, 1949 issue of "The Malist", a mimeographed publication published by Catholic laymen in Meriden, Connecticut lists Dr. AUSTIN J. APP as a Professor of English at LaSalle College, Philadelphia, Pa.

On Page 1, paragraph 2 of the November issue of this publication there appears an article entitled "Food, Clothes and Homes in Germany, 1949". This article indicates that APP has just returned from a three-month tour of Germany, Austria and Italy.

In the 4-1-49 special edition of the newspaper "Common Sense" which is listed as "the nation's anti-Communist newspaper" and is edited in Union, New Jersey, there appeared an article on page 1, column 3 entitled "A Fair Deal for Germany", the author of which was AUSTIN J. APP. This article sets out a three-point plan through which the author believes Germany will obtain a fair deal. First the author indicates that the United States demand full integrity of German boundaries as set out in the Atlantic Charter. Second, APP believes that it is this country's duty to minimize "the awful calamity of the fifteen million East and Sudeten and Balkan Germans expelled from their homes and totally robbed, again with the complicity of our new deal Marxist controlled government." The third point taken by the author is that dismantling of industry in Germany should immediately be discontinued. In this respect APP stated that "In October, 1947 almost three years after the war, our government while telling the American people to send five billion a year to Europe to revive production, collaborated with the British and French in listing 918 German plants for destruction, only 338 of which were listed as war plants. Since then many have been destroyed".

In the issue of "The Malist" previously listed, in the article appearing on page 1, paragraph 2 APP set out in great detail statistics regarding food, clothing and homes in Germany as they appeared during his visit during 1949. In summary of this article APP stated that the dominant impression that he received after spending three months in the vanquish countries was that in spite of the devastation and casualties of the war and the injustices, expulsions, dismantling, war prisoner slave labor of the post-war years, that Germany, Austria and Italy were coming to life again, painfully but surely. He said that in Western Germany the victors, while still a long way from the Atlantic Charter, are slowly shaking off their "Morgenthauism" and that in proportion hope and reconstruction are "pushing out their tender shoots".

In the same edition of "The Malist" on page 7 there appears an article entitled "The Expellee Problem as a Challenge to Catholicism." This article is a summarization of a talk made by AUSTIN J. APP at the Kelping Haus in Philadelphia on October 5, 1949. According to the article, APP advised the

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group the staggering wrong to the twelve million surviving expellees can only be righted when countries behind the iron curtain grant them the right of self determination and restore their homes and homeland to them. The article indicated that AFP believed that this could not come about until world Catholicism has persuaded Catholics of these countries to be willing to make good this enormous wrong in which they have, unfortunately, abetted the Bolsheviks. The article advised that Dr. AFP requested Catholics in America to rush relief to the expellees of Germany.

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An informant advised that [REDACTED] the Nationalist Action League whose headquarters are in Philadelphia, in January, 1949 discussed the distinctions between Nationalism and provincialism with Professor AFP and that during this same month [REDACTED] invited AFP to attend a small gathering during the early part of February, 1949 to further discuss a Nationalist program from a philosophical viewpoint. The informant did not know if AFP attended this meeting. [REDACTED] 6-21-49)

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In December, 1949 [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the latter according to the informant closely associated with [REDACTED] at the Nationalist Action League, made arrangements to meet with Dr. AFP at his residence to discuss the publication of some Nationalist literature in pocket edition form. The informant stated that [REDACTED] was unable to attend this discussion but that [REDACTED] and Professor AFP did meet in regard to this matter on December 19, 1949. [REDACTED] 12-16, 19-49)

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The Nationalist Action League is listed as a subversive organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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One of the Philadelphia copies of this report is being designated for the master file of JUSTIN J. APP inasmuch as information set out in this report pertains to him.

Inasmuch as preliminary investigation conducted by the Philadelphia Office regarding JUSTIN J. APP has failed to reflect that his activities are of such a nature that they appear to be inimical to the welfare of the United States, no additional investigation is contemplated unless the Bureau so advises.

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[redacted] who furnished information on the following dates to the person listed below:

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[redacted] who furnished information on June 21, 1949 to SE [redacted]

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